

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MARCH 23, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 23rd day March 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Executive Session: Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding:
 1. *Frankie Castro vs. City of Taft, Texas*, Civil Action No. 2:20-CV-165 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.
5. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider, discuss, or take action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a Master Agreement for Mutual Aid with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

7. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No. 645, a resolution by the City of Taft, Texas suspending the May 3, 2021 effective date of the proposal by Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy Texas Gas-South Texas Division to implement interim grip rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2020 and requiring delivery of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.
8. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the road rehabilitation of Retama Ave. and Reynolds Ave. from Gregory St. to Harding St. and if funding allows Lerdo St., Juarez St., Allende St., Escobedo St., Railroad St., and Cottage St.
9. Discussion with Santos McBain on the disaster plan, any possible grants, and personal protective equipment reports. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
10. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve having the Taft Police Department Officers perform the duties of code enforcement and eliminate the Code Enforcement position.
11. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 1056, an ordinance of the city council of the City of Taft Extending a declaration of local disaster. *(Councilman Vara)*
12. Discussion on the possibility of training for the zoning committee. *(Councilman Vara)*
13. Discussion on the contract with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. *(Councilman Vara)*
14. Discussion on the truck used by Fire Chief Dan Gibson. *(Councilman Vara)*
15. Discuss, consider and act to approve \$10,000 support for the Fireworks Extravaganza sponsorship for the Fourth of July event. *(Councilmember Vasquez)*
16. Discussion and possible action on amending the retention time for audio recordings from 90 days after the minutes are approved to 1 year after the minutes are approved. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
17. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 1033, an ordinance of the City of Taft rescinding City Ordinance No. 970, an ordinance adopting a new city nuisance abatement ordinance to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. *(Mayor Lopez)*
18. Consider, discuss and act on operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the State and City's local state of emergency declaration due to public health and safety emergency known as severe winter weather.
19. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.
20. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
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 1. Fire truck

2. Past, present, and threatened litigation; and
 3. Attorney-client privileges
22. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider, discuss, or take action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
23. Adjournment.

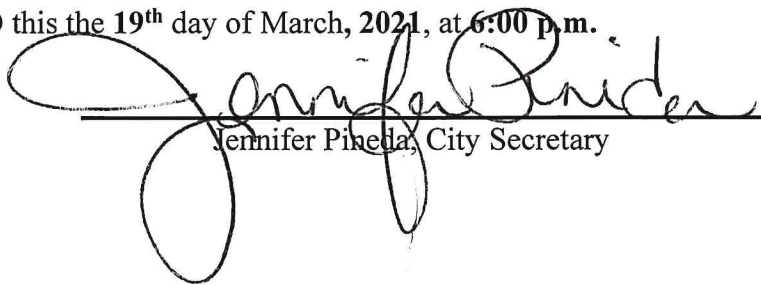
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 19th day of March, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary